Constitution of fare and Freight Committee

*309. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently constituted a Fares and Freight Committee to look into the ticket concession policy of the Railways ;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether Government have a proposal to cut down some of the categories for Railway fare concession ;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(f) by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Government has constituted Railway Fare and Freight Committee to examine the entire gamut of fare and freight structure and other ancillary matters including ticket concession.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Digging of moat around Babri Masjid

*310. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a twenty feet deep moat has been dug up around the Babri Masjid structure ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these moat/drains would cause seepage because of rain water and damage the Babri Masjid structure ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking for the safety of the structure from crumbling due to seepage ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) Due to the digging and levelling operations carried out by the State authorities in the Ram Janma Bhoomi—Babri Masjid complex, there are apprehensions about the safety of the structure. The possibility of collection of water in the dug up areas during the rains resulting in seepage to the foundation of the structure and weakening it in the process has been brought to the notice of the State Government.

The State Government has informed that due to the steep slop, the water will flow out towards the west and south and there is no possibility of rain water collecting at the spot. They have also conveyed that the dug up area is far from the disputed structure and the State Govt. has assured that there is no possibility of danger to the disputed structure due to collection of water.

गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का चौड़ा किया जाना

*311. श्री राजूभाई ए. परमार : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ;

(क) क्या गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चौड़ा किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) से (ग) विभिन्न राज्यों में, जिनमें गुजरात भी शामिल है, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चौड़ा करना एक सतत् कार्य है जो पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता और निधियों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करता है। गुजरात में 51.2 कि०मी० लम्बे भाग को छोड़ कर जहां सड़क को दो लेन का बनाया जा रहा है, सम्पूर्ण 1562 कि०मी० लम्बा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पहले से ही दो लेन का है। इसके अतिरिक्त 62.63 कि०मी० लम्बे भाग को चौड़ा करके पहले ही चार लेन का बना दिया गया है तथा 149.87 कि०मी० लम्बे भाग को चार लेनों का बनाने का कार्य प्रगति पर है इसके अलावा 32.02 कि०मी० लम्बे भाग को चार लेन का बनाने के कार्य को स्वीकृति के लिए 1992–93 की वार्षिक योजना में शामिल किया गया है।

Cancellation of Bombay-Ahmedabad-Bombay Express train

*312. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that A/C express train running between Bombay-Ahmedabad-Bombay thrice a week has been cancelled for unknown reasons ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the occupancy rate in that train was high ; if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) what are the reasons for its cancellation ; and

(d) whether the said A/C express train is proposed to be resumed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir. This train was introduced as a holiday special to clear the summer rush during the months of April, May and June '92. After the summer rush the train was withdrawn.

(b) The occupation for 1st A/C ranged between 25% and 100% while for AC 2-tier sleeper the occupation ranged between 40% and 117%.

(c) The season of summer rush is over.

(d) No, Sir.

Whiteline luxury bus services in Delhi

*313. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Whitelines luxury bus services were introducted in Delhi to provide respite to the harassed DTC commuters ;

(b) if so, what is the number of such buses plying at present in the Capital and the details of the routes in respect thereof ;

(c) whether any monitoring system has been adopted in respect of such buses as has been done in the case of Green-line services, so as to achieve the desired results ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The Whiteline luxury bus service was introduced in Delhi with a view to augment the public transport service and to discourage personalised transport in Delhi.

(b) As on 24-7-1992, 78 buses are plying on 20 routes. The details of the routes are as under :—

S. No.	*Approved Routes*
1	Janakpuri-Nizammuddin Railway Station